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SUBJECT: TAPLINE TALKS MAY RESUME, DEADLINES SET

REF: BEIRUT 8923

1. DODGE ADVISES THAT TAPLINE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE ANOTHER MEETING WITH GOL EITHER JULY 29 OR 31 AND WITH GOJ IN AMMAN JULY 30.

2. MEANWHILE, MEDRECO HAS NOTIFIED GOL THAT, UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, REFINERY WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN SOMEWHERE AROUND OCTOBER 1. IN LETTER DATED JULY 16 AND HAND-DELIVERED TO OIL MINISTRY, MEDRECO SAID THAT EXAMINATION OF CRUDE STORAGE TANKS SIDON REVEALS THAT ENOUGH CLEAN CRUDE IS ON HAND TO PERMIT SUPPLYING MEDRECO AT FULL DAILY RATE OF 17,500 BARRELS UNTIL AUGUST 20. MEDRECO CONTINUED THAT CONTAMINATED CRUDE (DUE TO SLUDGE) COULD BE SUPPLIED THEREAFTER AT MAXIMUM RATE OF 15,000 BPD UNTIL AROUND OCTOBER 1, AFTER WHICH REFINERY WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN. LETTER SERVES AS WARNING TO GOL OF CONSEQUENCES OF

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FAILURE TO AGREE ON NEW CRUDE ARRANGEMENTS. DODGE

HAS INVESTIGATED POSSIBILITY OF IPC RPT IPC TRIPOLI
REFINERY HANDLING 2,500 BPD SHORTFALL AFTER AUGUST 20
AND IS CONFIDENT THIS CAN BE DONE. HITCH IS THA GOL
WOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE CRUDE FROM IRAQIS AT PRICE TO
BE NEGOTIATED, SINCE ADDITIONAL CRUDE WOULD EXCEED
GOL'S ENTITLEMENT TO IRAQI CRUDE AT PREFERENTIAL PRICE.

3. WITH PRESSURE BUILDING, GOL OPTIONS SEEM TO BE:

(1) SETTLE DISPUTE PROMPTLY, (2) IMPLORE TAPLINE
AND/OR SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO RESUME PUMPING CRUDE TO
SIDON, CITING LEBANON'S UUNSTABLE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC
SITUATION IN WAKE THIS SPRING'S VIOLENCE.
GODLEY

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